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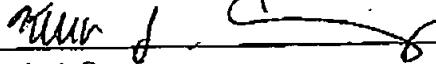
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In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.